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Sammie Sutton Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison

Rochester, NY- Today, Sammie Sutton, 56, was sentenced to 25 years in prison plus 5 years post release supervision for his role in the August 2011 death of Melanie Maxwell during a domestic dispute. Sutton, who plead guilty to 1st Degree Manslaughter, waived his right to future appeals. Second Assistant District Attorney Timothy Prosperi prosecuted the case.

"Today's sentence brings closure to the family and protects our community from a dangerous criminal," said Prosperi. "Though this case was a tragedy for everyone involved, and I am happy to see this sentence handed down and to have had the opportunity to help justice be dispensed in this case."

Sutton's sentence, which received the consent of the victim's family, was handed down today in proceedings by Judge DeMarco.

"Today's sentence takes another dangerous person off the streets, and hopefully provides a degree of closure to Melanie Maxwell's family," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "I want to congratulate Assistant District Attorney Prosperi and local law enforcement for their diligence in pursuing this case and for making our community safer."

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